

**ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Honorable Alice H. Martin
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About the Office: The United States Attorney's Office prosecutes federal offenses and defends the U.S. Government's interest in civil cases. The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama covers 31 of the state's 67 counties and has a branch office located in Huntsville, Alabama.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered: The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama has a position available for an Assistant United States Attorney in the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the Criminal Division. The individual selected will work closely with other prosecutors in cases arising from a vast array of criminal actions, including various types of financial fraud and drug offenses. A large part of the caseload will be prosecuting both civil and criminal forfeiture actions, as well as forfeiture-related appeals.

Qualifications: Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1 year post-J.D. experience. Ideal qualifications include a minimum of 3 years post-J.D. litigation experience.

Preferred qualifications: Significant experience in preparation or trial of economic or financial cases, strong legal writing ability, and strong courtroom skills.

Travel: Frequent travel is required.

Salary Information: Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. Although the range of basic pay is \$42,684 to \$125,938 plus locality pay where authorized, it is expected that the starting salary will not exceed \$98,500.

Location: This position is located in the Birmingham office. Birmingham is an area of rolling hills, beautiful lakes, downtown lofts, evening concerts in the park, nationally ranked restaurants, and an amusement and theme park.

Relocation Expenses: Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date: All applications/resumes should be postmarked by July 16, 2008. No telephone calls please. Interested parties should direct cover letters and applications and/or resumes to:

Jane M. McGuire
United States Attorneys Office
1801 4th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Internet Sites: Other information about the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama can be found at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/aln>

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html>

Department Policies:

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed, or within 20-25 miles thereof. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

The U. S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination because of color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or on the basis of personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.
